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COUNTRY <b>East Germany</b>	REPORT	
TOPIC <b>Military Activity of Units of the Eighth Gds Army</b>		
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REMARKS		
This is UNEVALUATED		

1. At 1730 on 11 June 1954, a column of military vehicles passed through Kauschnitz and went toward the Hindenburg Kaserne (8442). The column which came from the direction of Syl was composed of 78 trucks, 3 SU-76 guns and several sedans and jeeps. Each of the trucks was occupied by from 10 to 15 soldiers who wore red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets. Six of the trucks towed one 57-mm AT gun each and four towed 122-mm mortars. The column apparently returned from an exercise. 25X1
2. Between 10 and 16 June, the Infanterie Kaserne (8541), Zeitz, was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Movements observed between the installation and the Forst Zeitz firing range included:  
10 June. At 0800, 350 soldiers equipped with 3 x 82-mm mortars, 6 antitank rifles, 12 x 82-mm and submachine guns left the installation.  
13 June. At 1730, 200 soldiers armed with submachine guns left the installation.  
15 June. At 1000, about 600 soldiers armed with submachine guns, 12 x 82-mm mortars and 8 heavy machine guns left the installation.  
16 June. At 0700, 300 soldiers entered the installation. 25X1
3. Between 10 and 16 June, the Artillerie Kaserne (8542) was occupied by about 130 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. T-34 tank No 391 was seen in front of the installation. 25X1
4. At 1900 on 13 June, 8 T-34/85 tanks, 12 officers and 3 units, each of 60 to 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, arrived in Forst Zeitz from the direction of Zeitz. The tanks were equipped with PPS model M-1943 submachine guns and rolled blankets. 2 25X1
5. On 13 June, 1 JS-2 tank, 1 JS-2 tank, 1 T-34/85 tank and 2 JS tank units were seen at driving school practices in Forst Zeitz. The tank unit from the Panzer Kaserne (8142), Gera-Tinz, was quartered in tents. Ten trucks were seen nearby. On 15 June, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The other soldiers were stationed at Forst Zeitz. 25X1

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6. On 15 June, the Reuss Kaserne (8141), Gera, was again occupied by about 3,800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, AT and motor transport insignia. A unit with 20 trucks and 20 prime movers, which left during the night of 6 June, had apparently returned. Twelve gun barrels, presumably of 100-mm AT guns, were seen through the windows of a gun shed. Trucks carrying boards, entrenching tools and practice targets were continually seen between the barracks installation and the training area north of Untermhaus.

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7. At 2200 on 19 June, a shipment of 12 x 100-mm AT guns, 12 prime movers, 6 trucks and 6 boxcars occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was seen at the Naumburg railroad station. A short time later, the shipment presumably left toward Weissenfels. 5
8. On 20 June, an engineer unit from the Aken engineer camp was entrained at the Dessau freight station and left toward Bitterfeld at about 1500.

several amphibious vehicles  
15 boxcars occupied by soldiers  
2 boxcars occupied by women and children  
2 flatcars carrying beams and boards. 6

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1. Comment. The information indicates that the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne in Plauen until 11 June 1954. 25X1
2. Comment. The information indicates that the 67th Gds Mech Regt of the 20th Gds Mech Div was stationed in the Infanterie Kaserne in Zeitz until 16 June. The 27th (?) Gds Tank Regt (US) is located in Ohrdruf. 25X1
3. Comment. The information indicates that the unidentified tank training unit from Gera-Tina was training in the Zeitz Forest between 13 and 15 June 1954.
4. Comment. The information does not indicate any changes in the occupation of Reuss Kaserne. 25X1
5. Comment. Presumably a shipment of a unit of the 76th Arty Brig (US), which returned to Kerseburg from firing practices at Ohrdruf. 25X1
6. Comment. [redacted] of the 86th Gds Engr Bn of the 20th Gds Mech Div which involved major elements of the battalion entrained for Jena or Ohrdruf. 25X1
7. Comment. [redacted] confirms the 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Gotha until 9 May 1954. On 30 May, the installation was occupied to capacity. 25X1

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